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**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to close on the committee amendments.

**SENATOR WICKERSHAM:** Mr. President, the committee amendments are really quite simple, they just make a couple of technical changes. They do add a requirement that there be an advisory council that would have private sector representatives on it to advise in the implementation of any agreement. I would ask for your support in adopting the committee amendments.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

**CLERK:** 28 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Committee amendments are adopted.

**CLERK:** Senator Wickersham, I understand you'd like to withdraw AM1790 at this time and refile it? I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Debate on advancement? Seeing none, Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to close on advancement of the bill.

**SENATOR WICKERSHAM:** Thank you, Mr. President. I've appreciated the discussion this morning. I will certainly continue that discussion with any persons who are interested in this subject between now and Select File. I am more than pleased that you're interested in the...in the subject matter. I do urge you to support advancement of this bill today. Again, I would emphasize for you that this is not an agreement that binds us to do anything other than allow the Governor to act on our behalf and to try to find a basis for an agreement that he can later bring...he or she can later bring to us for ratification, and if it requires any changes in our law, that would also be up to us at a later date. This is simply the first step in a possible resolution for a very difficult issue, not only for the state of